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Spurn Kennedy 'Death Theory Of De Gaulle'

PARIS (AP)—Silence and skepticism were the main reactions today to a French journalist's book reporting that President Charles de Gaulle believes police were involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald.

De Gaulle's office refused to comment on the report by Raymond Tournoux that the French president said of the assassination: "The police did the job, or else they pulled the strings or else they let it happen. In any case they were involved."

Police Chief Charles Batchelor of Dallas said: "We are standing on the reports of the investigation by the Warren Commission and will have no comment on the statements attributed to General de Gaulle.

The White House also refused to comment. Asked if De Gaulle had ever told the U.S. government he had such a view of the assassination, White House press secretary George Christian replied: "I never heard of it at all until this moment."

Excerpts from the 700-page book, "The General's Tragedy" (La Tragedie du General), were published by the magazine Paris Match

The Warren Commission said Oswald killed the President and there was no evidence of a conspiracy.

Tournoux, who has access to persons close to De Gaulle, did not present the passage as an interview with De Gaulle and he offered no explanation of the origin of the direct quotes attributed to the President.